

REMARKS

Further to the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on September 24, 2010, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Applicants respectfully submit herewith a copy of the verified English translation of the Finnish priority document, FI 20040431 filed on March 22, 2004 to perfect the claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a). It is noted that the claimed invention is fully supported by the priority document (see *e.g.*, pages 7-8 of the verified English translation).

Accordingly, Heyn US '940 (US 2006/0191940) has now been antedated by the perfecting the claim to the priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a).

As such entry of the instant supplemental response and favorable action on the merits are earnestly solicited at present.

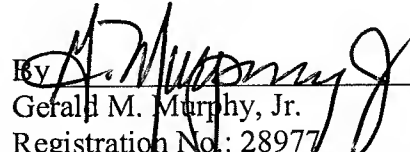
Based upon the remarks presented herein and in Amendment filed on filed September 24, 2010, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance clearly indicating that each of the pending claims is allowed.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Toyohiko Konno, Reg. No. L0053 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Verified English translation of Priority Document FI 20040431 (10 pages)